



State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services

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Subject: Programmatic Segregation

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- I. APPLICATION: To all employees and students at youth development centers.
- II. POLICY: A student shall be placed in programmatic segregation upon recommendation of his/her program staffing team. Placement in programmatic segregation shall not be used as punishment nor shall it, in and of itself, extend the student's confinement at the institution, or result in the loss of any time or credit toward release.
- III. PROCEDURES:
 - A. Each Superintendent shall determine, on an annual basis, whether his/her facility has a need for a programmatic segregation unit(s). If such a need exists, the superintendent shall establish a programmatic segregation unit(s) suitable to the needs of students at his/her institution.
 - B. A self-contained program for programmatic segregation shall have the following components:
 1. Comparable vocational and educational opportunities to those offered students in the general population unless, because of a student's behavior in the vocational activity, it is determined on an individual basis by the program staffing team that continued vocational activities would be non-productive or detrimental to the student;
 2. Comparable academic and educational opportunities to those offered students in the general population;
 3. Comparable recreational opportunities to those offered students in the general population;

4. Comparable living and sleeping accommodations to those offered students in the general population;
 5. Comparable privileges within the living unit to those offered students in the living units in the general population. Any limitations on these privileges, consistent with a program of segregation, will be approved by the program staffing team in accordance with the procedures governing the IPP.
- C. Students may be considered for placement in programmatic segregation by the program staffing team if they display behaviors limited to the following:
1. Continuous disruptive behavior which has resulted in the student's inability to make progress on the stated goals and objectives in his/her IPP; or
 2. Documented evidence or reasonable cause to believe that the student is engaged in on-going acts of physical and/or verbal aggression against staff and/or students; or
 3. On-going behavior problems relating to substance abuse, self-mutilation, and/or other behaviors requiring intensive supervision and/or monitoring.
- D. A student shall be placed in programmatic segregation only upon the recommendation of his/her program staffing team.
1. Staff members should make written referrals to the student's team leader. Such referrals must specify the nature of the student's problem(s) in order that the program staffing team will have adequate information upon which to base its decision.
 2. The program staffing team shall recommend programmatic segregation placement only in the event:
 - a) Less intensive treatment alternatives are not appropriate, or
 - b) Less intensive interventions have been tried with the student without success.
- E. Students shall be released from programmatic segregation as soon as their needs no longer require such placement.
1. The release of the student shall be the collective decision of the programmatic segregation unit supervisor, the student's program staffing team, and any others the Superintendent may designate.
 2. The release of the student shall be based on the student's progress in the program, as evidenced by input from programmatic segregation staff and documentation of achievement of goals by the student, or a determination that the needs of the student are not being met.
- F. The Superintendent shall appoint a programmatic segregation unit supervisor whose responsibilities shall be outlined by the Superintendent or designee.

IV. FORMS: None

**(Note: This Policy Cannot Be Revised Without Prior Permission
of Chancery Court, Davidson County, Nashville, Tennessee.)**